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1. In Katowice (5016N/1901E) the Polish Army barracks are located south of the center of the city and consist of a large number of grey roughcasted brick buildings. The entire area is enclosed by a high wooden fence topped with barbed wire.
2. In the winter of 1951-1952, there were about 10,000 men stationed there. They wore hats with red and black bands.
3. There was an artillery range about one kilometer southwest of the barracks on the righthand side of the road leading from Katowice to Piotrowice. [redacted] tanks, armored cars and heavy artillery in this area.
4. The entire unit usually pulls out for maneuvers in the summer; in 1952 they were said to be in the Rzeszow (5003N/2200E) area, and the maneuvers were on a large scale including artillery, tanks and airplanes.

Comment: [redacted] This report added that the barracks consisted of 20 to 25 buildings and were mostly occupied by infantry troops but a small armored unit was also observed. The location of the barracks is confirmed.

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